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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6980

BILL NUMBER: HB 1809

DATE PREPARED: Dec 21, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Assistance Fund.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for a supplemental grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund to continue the employment of each officer who was employed with the assistance of a grant from the fund. It imposes a \$20 court cost to provide money for the grants.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: Under current law, the State User Fee Fund receives revenue from six different fees. Twice a year, \$1.08 M is transferred to seven different funds based on percentages provided in statute. The remaining amount after this transfer is currently deposited in the Safe Schools Fund.

This bill proposes three changes to the State User Fee Fund.

First, it creates a new fee called the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund fee which is assessed in all criminal, infraction and juvenile cases. The revenue from this fee is deposited into the State User Fee Fund.

Second, twice a year, \$1.08 M will still be transferred to the seven programs. But, as proposed, the Safe Schools Fund will receive \$200,000 semiannually. (The Criminal Justice Institute reports that the Safe Schools Fund has received about \$400,000 annually from the transfer balance in past years, so there should be no change in the amount of revenue that this fund receives.)

Third, the revenue remaining in the User Fee Fund after the two transfers will be transferred to the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund.

The \$20 Law Enforcement Assistance Fund fee which would be added for any crime, moving traffic

violation, or delinquency case is estimated to generate an additional \$8 M, annually.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Under current law, the Local Law Enforcement Assistance Fund dispenses grants to local law enforcement agencies for training, salaries, and equipment for law enforcement officers.

Local law enforcement agencies who currently receive financial assistance from the Local Law Enforcement Assistance Fund would be eligible for supplemental assistance from the revenue generated by the added fee proposed by this bill. As proposed, this bill would allow an agency to receive a supplemental grant to pay the salary, including benefits, of each law enforcement officer who was hired by the agency with assistance under the existing program. The amount of the grant may not be greater than either 50% of the annual salary including benefits of each officer hired with the assistance of a grant under the current program, or \$24,000.

State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: 1999 Indiana Judicial Report